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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENTS AT PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN BERLIN

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1. THERE FOLLOWS SUGGESTED GOLDEN BOOK, ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S USE IN BERLIN. EMBASSY BONN IS PREPARING OPENING STATEMENT FOR USE AT KONGRESSHALLE (STATE 145957). POSSIBLE BERLIN-RELATED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR USE AT TOWN MEETING FOLLOW SEPTTEL. ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS MESSAGE ARE POSSIBLE REMARKS FOR PRESIDENT TO MAKE AT TEMPELHOF.

2. ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR PRESIDENT CARTER
SALUTATIONS
BEGIN TEXT
IT IS A VERY GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE BACK IN BERLIN THIS AFTERNOON. IT IS A VISIT WHICH I HAD HOPED TO MAKE EARLIER IN MY ADMINISTRATION AND ONE WHICH I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO FOR SOME TIME.
AS I TOLD YOUR FINE MAYOR WHEN HE CALLED ON ME LAST AUGUST, BERLIN MEANS A LOT TO ME. I AM PLANNING TO
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DURING THE COURSE OF THIS AFTERNOON TO MAKE CONTACTS WITH BERLINERS AND AMERICANS, IN A CITY WHICH PERHAPS MORE THAN ANY OTHER IS STAMPED WITH THE SIGNS OF GERMAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. I, LIKE MANY OF MY COUNTRYMEN, HAVE WATCHED BERLIN WITH RESPECT AND ADMIRATION IN THE YEARS SINCE THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR. WE HAVE SEEN ATTEMPTS TO CHOKE IT OFF

FROM ITS TRADITIONAL HINTERLAND, WE HAVE SEEN IT CRUELLY
DIVIDED BY A WALL. THROUGH ALL OF THE SUFFERING THE
PEOPLE OF BERLIN HAVE BY THEIR COURAGE AND DETERMINA-
TION, THEIR PATIENCE AND, NOT LEAST, THEIR HUMOR, WON
THE RESPECT OF FREEMEN EVERYWHERE. IN THE SPIRIT OF
THAT RESPECT I HAVE COME BACK TO BERLIN TO DEMONSTRATE
THE ABIDING DETERMINATION OF THE FREE MEN I REPRESENT
AND OTHERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO STAND BY AND SUPPORT
THIS CITY AND ITS BRAVE PEOPLE. END TEXT.

3. GOLDEN BOOK CEREMONY (WE ASSUME THIS WILL BE
THE FIRST EVENT AFTER TEMPELHOF ARRIVAL, TO TAKE PLACE
AT THE AIR LIFT MEMORIAL. MAYOR STOBBE AND CHANCELLOR
SCHMIDT ARE EXPECTED TO SPEAK VERY BRIEFLY - PERHAPS 3
MINUTES EACH AT THIS CEREMONY).

BEGIN TEXT

IT IS AN HONOR TO BE INVITED TODAY TO SIGN THE
GOLDEN BOOK OF BERLIN. HERE, IN FRONT OF THE AIRLIFT
MEMORIAL, WE ARE REMINDED OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT
TEMPELHOF AIRPORT PLAYED IN THE LIFE OF BERLIN THIRTY
YEARS AGO WHEN THE CITY WAS CUT OFF FROM ITS NATURAL
BASE IN WESTERN GERMANY. IT IS FITTING TO REMEMBER THE
NAMES OF THE 70 ALLIED AIRMEN, (BRITISH AND AMERICANS)
LISTED ON THE BASE OF THIS MEMORIAL WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES
TO THE FREEDOM OF BERLIN IN THE SERVICE OF THE
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AIRLIFT. WE SALUTE THEIR SACRIFICE. I ALSO SALUTE
THOSE AMONG YOU TODAY - AND I KNOW THERE ARE SEVERAL OF
YOU HERE - WHO HELPED IN THE AIRLIFT WHETHER AS PILOTS,
PLANNERS OR IN WHATEVER CAPACITY.

BERLIN IS FOR ME A SPEICAL PLACE. I WAS HERE IN
1973 AND SAW THEN HOW A CITY WITH 75 MILLION
CUBIC METERS OF UBBLE CHOKING THE STREETS AT WAR'S
END HAD BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A MODERN, THRIVING
METROPOLIS. VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TOLD ME OF HIS
FAVORABLE IMPRESSIONS OF THE CITY IN 1977. AND LAST
AUGUST MAYOR STOBBE TOLD ME OF THE PROSPECTS AND PROBLEMS
OF THE CITY WHEN HE CALLED ON ME AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

IT IS NOT, HOWEVER, THE REBUILDING OF A SHATTERED

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CITY THAT IMPRESSES ME MOST. RATHER, BERLIN IS A SYM-
BOL OF THE DEEPEST AIMS OF MY COUNTRY. HERE YOU HAVE
HEALED THE WOUNDS OF THE WORST OF ALL WARS IN HUMAN
HISTORY. YOU HAVE DONE SO WHILE PROTECTING THE RIGHTS
OF EACH BERLINER TO FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, TO THE FREE-
DOM TO THINK DIFFERENTLY, TO THE FREEDOM OF TRAVEL, TO
THE FREEDOM, IF HE WISHED, TO LEAVE BERLIN. IN THE
DAYS OF TRAIL THE BERLINERS STOOD THEIR GROUND AND SET
ABOUT TO BUILD THE FLOURISHING CITY I AM SEEING TO-
DAY. IN DOING SO, THEY DEMONSTRATED THE UNSHAKEABLE
LINKS BETWEEN FREEDOM, RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE PRESER-
VATION OF PEACE.

THE UNITED STATES, ALONG WITH OUR BRITISH AND FRENCH
ALLIES, STOOD BY BERLIN DURING THE DIFFICULT YEARS.
WE DEVELOPED A PARTNERSHIP THAT STOOD UP AGAINST ALL
THREATS. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT YOU WILL ALWAYS BE
ABLE TO COUNT ON THE UNITED STATES IF EVER THE THREATS
ARE RENEWED; AND IF THE FUTURE BRINGS CALM, AS WE ALL
HOPE, YOU CAN COUNT UPON THE UNITED STATES TO COOPER-
ATE WITH THE PEOPLE OF BERLIN IN INSURING THE CITY'S
PROSPERITY AND THE WELL-BEING OF ITS PEOPLE. WE
BELIEVE THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF 1971 SERVES
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THIS END AND WE WISH TO SEE IT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
ALONG WITH ITS STRICT OBSERVANCE. BUT WE ALSO RECOG-
NIZE THAT ANY AGREEMENT, HOWEVER SKILLYFULLY NEGOTIATED,
IS ONLY A FRAMEWORK. WE INTEND TO HELP TO INFUSE THAT
FRAMEWORK WITH LIFE.

IN SPRING OF THIS YEAR THERE DIED GENERAL LUCIUS D.
CLAY, WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUR CITY WE ALL ESTEEM.
BUT HE WAS NOT A LONE HERCULES, FIGHTING BY HIMSELF.

AT THE BEGINNING WAS HIS QUESTION TO MAYOR REUTER:
WILL THE BERLINERS STAND WITH US? MAYOR REUTER'S
UNEQUIVOCAL YES--AND WE SAW HOW CORRECT HE WAS IN HIS
JUDGEMENT OF THE BERLINERS--SET THE STAGE FOR THE UN-
PARALLELED COOPERATION BETWEEN BERLIN AND MY COUNTRY.

ONE OF YOUR POETS, (LUDWIG UHLAND), PENNED THE
FAMOUS LINES "AS IF IT WERE A PIECE OF MYSELF." FOR
MY COUNTRY THE QUOTE MIGHT BE CHANGED TO "AS IF IT
WERE A PIECE OF OURSELVES." THAT IS THE WAY WE REGARD
BERLIN. WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY TOGETHER SINCE OUR
AIRCRAFT FLEW INTO THIS CITY THIRTY YEARS AGO PUTTING
IN THE SUPPLIES FOR WHAT WE ALL KNEW WOULD BE A TERRI-
BLE WINTER. WE WILL KEEP ON GOING TOGETHER TO ASSURE
THAT BERLIN REMAINS THE SYMBOL OF FREE PEOPLE, JOINING
TOGETHER FREELY, TO ASSURE THAT THE DECENT VALUES OF
MEN ARE RESPECTED. THAT IS WHY BERLIN HAS COME TO
BE PART OF OURSELVES.

IT IS THUS A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO IN-
SCRIBE MY NAME IN BERLIN'S GOLDEN BOOK, ALONG WITH THAT
OF GENERAL CLAY, AND SO MANY OTHERS FROM SO MANY COUNTRIES
WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO MAKING BERLIN THE SYMBOL OF
A DECENT WORLD. END TEXT.

4. DEPARTURE STATEMENT FOR PRESIDENT CARTER

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THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT DAY FOR ALL OF US; A DAY WE
WILL LONG REMEMBER. I AM GRATEFUL TO BERLIN AND THE
BERLINERS FOR RECEIVING ME SO WARMLY.

MY THOUGHTS AT THIS MOMENT, HOWEVER, ARE
FOCUSED ON THE ABIDING WITNESS FOR FREEDOM WHICH BERLIN
REPRESENTS IN OUR TIME. IT HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN AN EASY
OR COMFORTABLE WITNESS; IT HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN A COMPLEX
AND CONFUSING WITNESS. BUT IT IS A WITNESS WHICH THE
PEOPLE OF BERLIN HAVE FAITHFULLY PERFORMED AND ONE OF
WHICH THE PEOPLE OF BERLIN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION
HAVE BEEN RIGHTFULLY PROUD.

I LEAVE BERLIN NOW DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH WHAT I
HAVE SEEN AND HEARD SINCE I HAVE BEEN HERE. I AM DEEPLY
CONVINCED THAT THE BERLINERS OF TODAY ARE AS PREPARED
TO PRESERVE THEIR FREEDOM AS THEIR FATHERS WERE BEFORE
THEM. AND I AM DEEPLY DETERMINED THAT MY COUNTRY
WILL CONTINUE TO STAND BY BERLIN'S SIDE IN THIS GREAT
ENDEAVOR.

MANY YEARS AGO AT THE FOUNDING OF THE MASSACHUSETTS
BAY COLONY, JOHN WINTHROP DREW ON A BIBLICAL INJUNCTION
TO OBSERVE: "WE SHALL BE AS A CITY UPON A HILL, THE

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EYES OF ALL PEOPLE ARE UPON US." WHAT HAS BEEN TRUE OF
MY OWN LAND FOR NEARLY THREE AND A HALF CENTURIES IS
EQUALLY TRUE OF BERLIN. AS A CITY OF HUMAN FREEDOMS,
HUMAN HOPES AND HUMAN RIGHTS, BERLIN IS A LIGHT TO THE
WORLD, IT CANNOT BE HIDDEN; THE EYES OF ALL PEOPLE ARE
UPON YOU.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND HOSPITALITY TODAY,
I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS FOR THE FUTURE.

GOOD-BYE.
END TEXT

5. POSSIBLE STATEMENT TO AMERICAN ASSEMBLED AT TEMPELHOF
CENTRAL AIRPORT

BEGIN TEXT

I AM DELIGHTED TO SEE HERE SO MANY FINE REPRESENTA-
TIVES OF MY COUNTRY HERE IN BERLIN. I KNOW THAT IT IS
NOT ALWAYS EASY FOR YOU TO SERVE THIS FAR FROM HOME,
THAT YOUR FAMILIES OCCASIONALLY SUFFER FROM THE CHANGES
INVOLVED AND THAT YOUR CHILDREN DO NOT ALWAYS FIND IT
SO EASY TO ADJUST TO NEW SCHOOLS AND A NEW ENVIRON-
MENT, AND THAT LIFE IS PRETTY EXPENSIVE. BUT I DON'T
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THINK THERE IS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD WHERE A U.S. ARMY
SOLDIER OR AN AMERICAN AIRMAN, OR A SCHOOL
TEACHER, OR A VISITING PROFESSOR AT A BERLIN UNIVER-
SITY OR A CIVILIAN PILOT CAN FEEL PROUDER OF
SERVING HIS COUNTRY THAN IN BERLIN. NOR IS THERE ANYWHERE
WHERE YOUR SERVICE IS MORE IMPORTANT. HERE YOU ARE
PROTECTING NOT ONLY A GREAT CITY, BUT A SYMBOL OF THE
DETERMINATION OF FREE MEN EVERYWHERE TO REMAIN FREE.
YOU WOULD NOT BE HERE TODAY EXCEPT FOR THE DEVOTION
THAT YOUR PREDECESSORS SHOWED TO THIS SYMBOL IN OTHER
CIRCUMSTANCES, AND IF YOU CAN SERVE A PEACEFUL TOUR IN
BERLIN, IT IS BECAUSE THOSE BEFORE YOU MADE IT POSSI-
BLE FOR PEACE TO REPLACE WAR AND THE THREAT OF WAR HERE.
YOU ARE PART OF ONE OF THE BEST PARTNERSHIPS EVER DE-
VISED BY FREE MEN, AND I AM PROUD OF YOU. I APPRECIATE
YOU COMING HERE THIS AFTERNOON. I AM ONLY SORRY THAT
I COULD NOT MEET EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU PERSONALLY.
I WISH YOU ALL GOOD LUCK IN YOUR ASSIGNMENT TO BERLIN.
THANK YOU. END TEXT.
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